

Redistricting 2011-2012

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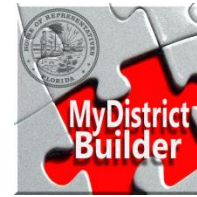
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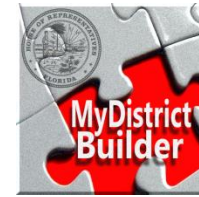
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What and Why?



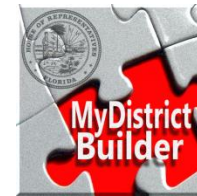
- ☐ “Reapportionment” is the allocation of congressional seats among the several states.
- ☐ “Redistricting” is the creation of new district boundaries.
- ☐ Redistricting ensures that Floridians have equal representation (*districts have equal population*) in the Florida Legislature and the U.S. House of Reps.
 - ☐ One-person, one-vote.

What is Equal Population?



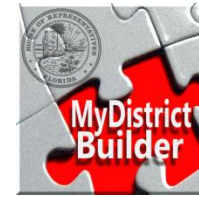
- ❑ Population equality:
 - ❑ House and Senate = Substantially equal.
 - ❑ Congressional = Exact mathematical equality.
- ❑ For example, in the 2002 redistricting, Florida's districts varied from the ideal population by a range of:
 - ❑ House = 2.79% (*13th best of 49 states*)
 - ❑ Senate = 0.03% (*3rd best of 50 states*)
 - ❑ Congressional = 0.00% (*+ / - 1 person*)

State Authority



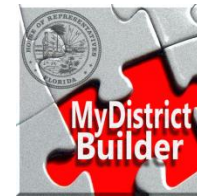
- ❑ Article III, Section 16(a) of the FL Constitution, based on the decennial census (*April 1, 2010*), the Legislature is required, by a joint resolution at its regular session in the second year after the United States Census (*2012 Regular Session*), to apportion state legislative districts.
- ❑ The Legislature advanced the start date of the 2012 Regular Session to January 10th, which is 2 months earlier than normal.
 - ❑ See Chapter 2010-91, Laws of Florida.

Federal Authority



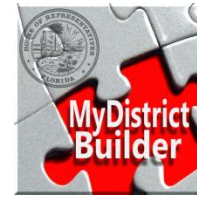
- ❑ Based on the decennial census (*April 1, 2010*), the U.S. Constitution requires the reapportionment of the U.S. House every 10 years, including distribution of the House's 435 seats between the states and the equalization of population between districts within each state.
- ❑ Article I, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution provides that—"the Time, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof."
- ❑ The U.S. Supreme Court has recognized that this language delegates to state legislatures the exclusive authority to create congressional districts.

Mission, Vision, Values



- ☐ Mission: To allow all interested Floridians to have an equal opportunity to take part in the redrawing of Florida's state legislative and Congressional districts after the 2010 Census.
- ☐ Vision: The Florida House of Representatives can provide Floridians with an unprecedented level of access and opportunities to participate in Florida's 2012 Redistricting.
- ☐ Values:
 - ☐ Discipline of Law
 - ☐ Accessibility
 - ☐ Equal Opportunity
 - ☐ Community-Driven
 - ☐ Individual Empowerment
 - ☐ Partnerships
 - ☐ Innovation

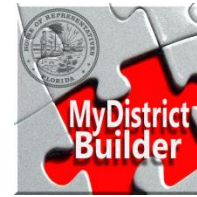
Crowdsourcing



**The People start the conversation.
The Legislature pieces together the puzzle.**

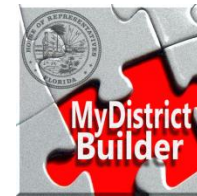


Process: Public Meetings



- ❑ 2001: The Legislature held meetings throughout the State to consider Public input on redistricting:
 - ❑ 24 meetings.
- ❑ 2011: The Legislature will again hold meetings throughout the State to consider Public input on redistricting.
 - ❑ Approximately 30+/- meetings.
 - ❑ Likely July through November, 2011.

Process: Hub of Information



- ❑ 2001-2002: House and Senate provided hubs of redistricting information on the Internet at floridaredistricting.org and flsenate.gov.

- ❑ 2011-2012: Coming soon, the House will launch the new floridaredistricting.org.

- ❑ The former page will remain online as an archive.



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Districts from the following plans were used in the 2002 elections:

[H406H020](#) (House)

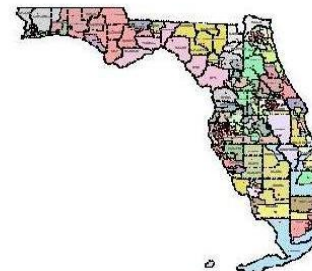
[S17S0036](#) (Senate)

[S19C0017](#) (Congress)

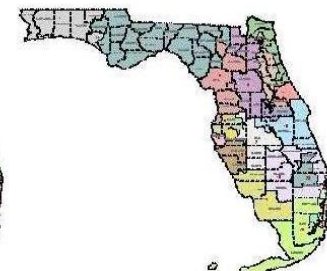
Statewide and regional maps for these plans can be accessed by clicking on a plan number above. District maps can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

Districts from H406H020 were enacted as Florida's House Districts in [HJR 25E](#).

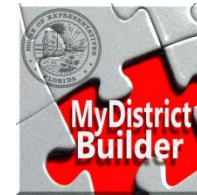
Past House Districts



Past Congressional Districts

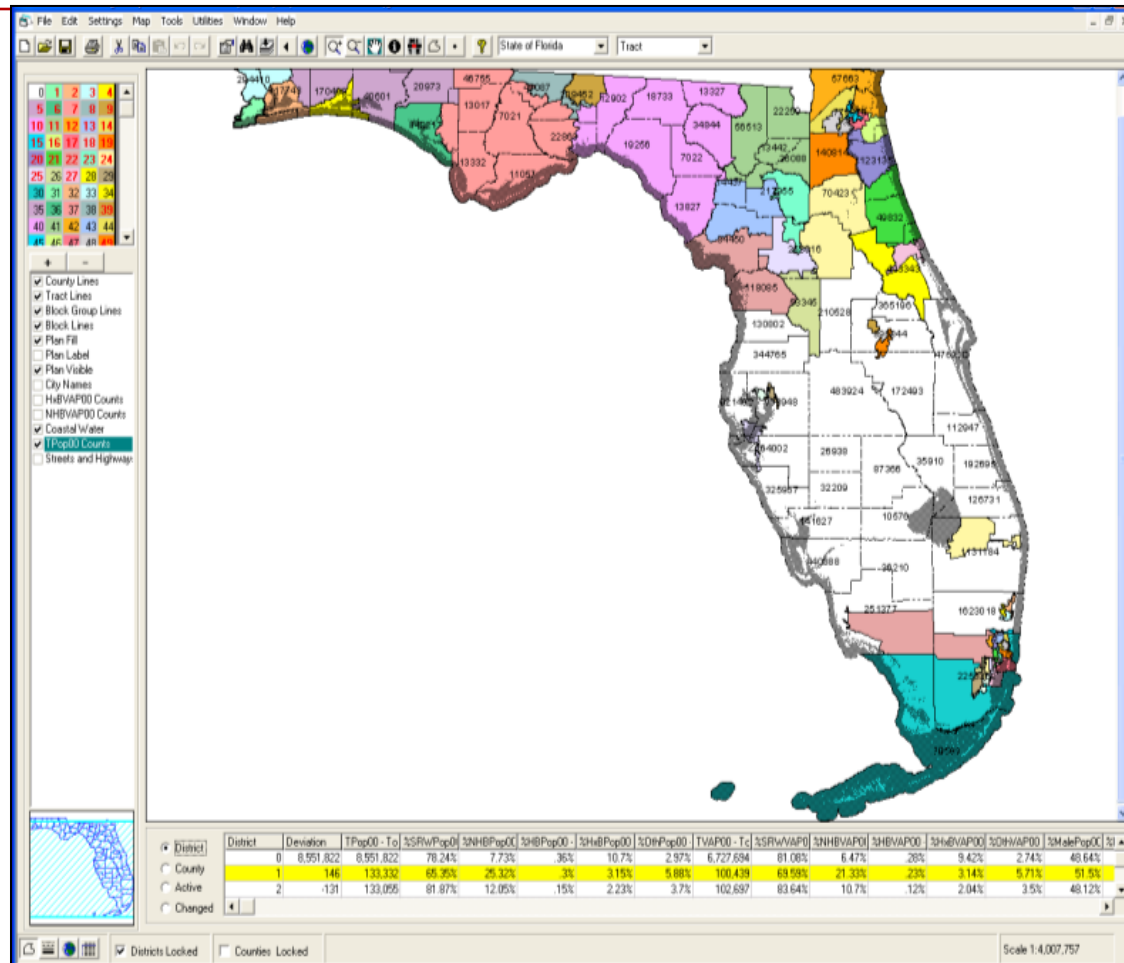


Process: Technology & Data

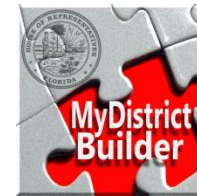


- ❑ 2001-2002: The Legislature provided the Public with access to the identical redistricting technology and data used by the Legislature (*FREDS in 2001-2002*).

- ❑ Florida was the only State in the country to do this.



Process: Technology & Data



- ❑ 2011-2012: Web-based district building application (*MyDistrictBuilder*) for use by the Legislature and the Public to submit plans for consideration.

- ❑ Again, the Legislature and the Public will have the same redistricting technology and data.

Florida House of Representatives (Congress) Click Lat/Long Zoom: 7
MyDistrictBuilder () 29.737365 / -82.358543 District: xxx

This site is in development. Data is from the 2002 redistricting effort. You will not be able to build and submit plans until July 2011. For more info contact mydistrictbuilder@myfloridahouse.gov

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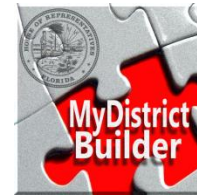
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District	District ID	Pop Dev	TPOP00	%NHBP00	%HxBPOP00	DiffTPOP00-90	DiffNHBP00%-90	DiffHxBPOP00%-90
Active	3	-361082	230857	20	5	37965	0	1
Changed	4	-572683	19256	19	1	2141	1	0
	7	-73565	518374	13	8	87069	0	5
	12	-461137	130802	4	4	29687	0	1

Process: Technology



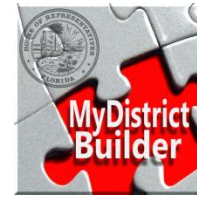
- ☐ Microsoft Silverlight:
 - ☐ Cross-browser compatibility.
 - ☐ Security and privacy through isolated storage.

- ☐ Bing Maps:
 - ☐ Rich visuals.
 - ☐ Familiarity.

- ☐ Azure Cloud Servers:
 - ☐ Scalable infrastructure.
 - ☐ Cost-effective servers.

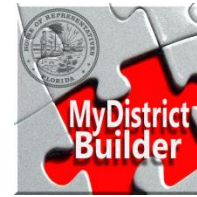
- ☐ Proof-of-Concept:
 - ☐ www.myfloridacensus.gov

Process: Data



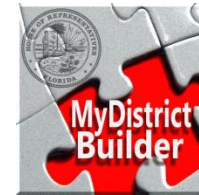
- ☐ Geography:
 - ☐ Returning: County, Tract, Block Groups, Blocks, and Places (*Cities*).
 - ☐ New: VTD (*Voting District*), and Parcels.
- ☐ Census 2010 ("Public Law" data).
 - ☐ 10 questions – "Portrait of America" on 4/1/10.
- ☐ American Community Survey (*ACS*).
 - ☐ Longer questionnaire – 5-year sampling of America.
- ☐ Voter registration.
- ☐ Elections history.

Process: Social Media



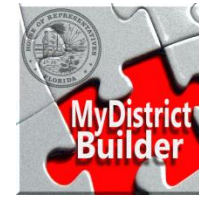
- ❑ Social Media and the House's total online presence creates a two-way conversation with the public:
 - ❑ [MyDistrictBuilder on Facebook](#)
 - ❑ [MyDistrictBuilder @FLRedistricting on Twitter](#)
 - ❑ [MyDistrictBuilderFL's Channel on YouTube](#)
 - ❑ mydistrictbuilder@myfloridahouse.gov

Timeline: Final Preparations



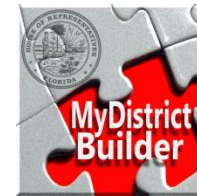
- ❑ December 21, 2010—The U.S. Census Bureau announced the statewide totals and the [apportionment of 2 additional Congressional seats for Florida](#).
- ❑ Currently—The U.S. Census Bureau is providing the States with their [geographical shapefiles](#) (tracts, blocks, VTDs, etc.)
- ❑ February, 2011—Open public-testing of “beta” version of MyDistrictBuilder.
 - ❑ 3-4 months window to incorporate public suggestions into MyDistrictBuilder.
- ❑ April 1, 2011—By law, Census Bureau completes delivery of [2010 Census redistricting data](#) to the States.
- ❑ June, 2011—Finish input of data into MyDistrictBuilder.

Timeline: Legislative Calendar



- ❑ July, 2011—Official launch of MyDistrictBuilder.
 - ❑ Throughout the process, House Members and the Public will use MyDistrictBuilder to submit redistricting plans, comment, analyze, and follow the redistricting process.
- ❑ Summer to Fall, 2011—House & Senate will conduct meetings around the State to take public testimony.
- ❑ October to December, 2011—*Likely* time period for Interim Committee Meetings.
- ❑ January 10 to March 9, 2012—2012 Regular Legislative Session.

Timeline: Legal Review



Legislative (State House and Senate) Redistricting Plans

Between January 10 to March 9 –
Legislature approves Legislative plans

15 Days – Attorney General submits
Legislative plans to FL Supreme Court

30 Days – FL Supreme Court upholds
the Legislative plans

60 Days – US DOJ preclears the
Legislative plans

June 18-22 – Qualifying for state and
federal elections in Florida

Congressional Redistricting Plan

Between January 10 to March 9 –
Legislature approves Congressional plan

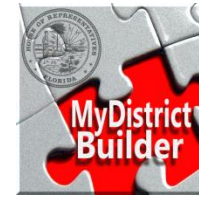
15 Days– Governor signs Congressional
plan into law

NO AUTOMATIC COURT REVIEW

60 Days – US DOJ preclears the
Congressional plan

June 18-22 – Qualifying for state and
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Legal References



☐ Florida Constitution:

- ☐ Article III—Legislature: Section 16—Legislative Apportionment; Section 20—Standards for Congressional Redistricting; and Section 21—Standards for Legislative Redistricting

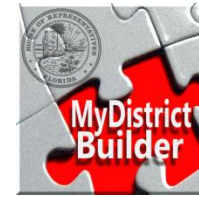
☐ Federal Law:

- ☐ 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution—Equal Protection Clause, “one man, one vote.”
- ☐ Voting Rights Act (VRA)—Sections 2 and 5.
- ☐ Traditional Redistricting Principles of compactness, contiguity, preservation of counties and other political subdivisions, preservation of communities of interest, preservation of cores of prior districts, compliance with Section 2 of the VRA.

☐ Florida Statutes:

- ☐ Chapter 8—Congressional Districts
- ☐ Chapter 10—Senate and House Districts
- ☐ Section 11.0431(2)(e)—Exemption from Public Disclosure

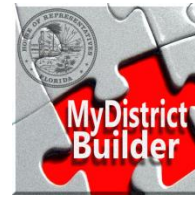
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